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Participants of the MV-22B Osprey family day sit in the aircraft as aircrew members stand by to assist them March 3 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. The event aimed at familiarizing community members on Okinawa with the Osprey and its capabilities. 3月3日に海兵隊普天間基地で行われたオスプレ イ家族見学会で、オスプレイの座席に座ってみる参加者。同イベントは、沖縄の人々にオスプレイやその能力 について知ってもらうことを目的とした。Photo by Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

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### 基地内にある沖縄の文化財を保全

今回は、7-10ページのキャンプバ ます。 トラー施設技術部環境保全課の取 り組みをご紹介した記事に関連し て、同課で文化財担当官を務める 與那覇政之さんにインタビューし

編集者: どんなお仕事なんで すか?

ました。。

與那覇: 私の仕事は、基地の 中に所在する、または所在すると 思われる文化財を保護することで す。古墓、井泉、聖域の跡や先史 時代の集落の遺跡などがこれに あたります。

海兵隊は文化財の価値を認識 しており、いかなる工事でも土地 を掘削する必要のある工事は、 考古学的資源に影響がないかを 審査しています。影響が予想され る場合は、設計の変更を要求し

私と同僚は、基地内の人々に文 化財に関心を持ってもらう活動も しています。例えば、ボーイスカ ウトやガールスカウトを対象に文 化財巡りを実施したり、新規赴任 者へのオリエンテーションで配布 されるパンフレットを作成したり しています。文化財は、沖縄の伝 統と文化によって育まれたものな ので、それを大切にすることは受 入国に敬意を払うことなのです。 文化財の価値を認めることによっ て、親交が深まると思います。

また、地元の方々が文化財に立 ち入る際の案内もします。昔住ん でいた方々やその子供や孫が家 族のお墓参りをしたり、生涯学習 クラスで地元の歴史を学ぶ人たち が視察に来たりします。

2004年には、チブガーと呼ば

算で復元されました。アメリカ国 外の遺跡復元にこの予算が活用 されたのは初めてだったと思いま す。復元が終了した時には、かつ

ての住民や町長を招いて式典を

行いました。

れる泉が国防総省の遺産復元予

これらの海兵隊のプログラム は、文化財を保全していこうとい う態度を示す重要なものです。

編集者:どうやってこの仕事に 出会ったのですか?またこの仕事 をどう思いますか?

與那覇:大学で考古学を学ん で、北谷町教育委員会の文化課 に勤めたのですが、この職のこ とを聞いて2001年に採用されま

私にとって一番の仕事だと思い ます。沖縄の文化財保全に貢献し



ていることを誇りに思いますし、違 う文化の人たちと共に沖縄の文化を 保全し、文化財の重要性に対する認 識を深めることができるところが魅 力です。文化を継承しようとする行 為は、人間と他の動物を分けるもの でしょう。

### Archaeologist preserves cultural assets of Okinawa

In conjunction with the stories on pages 7-10 on various environmental projects administered by the Environmental Affairs Branch, G-F, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, the Big Circle interviewed Masayuki Yonaha, a cultural resource program manager with the branch.

Editor: Please describe your job.

Yonaha: My job is to preserve cultural resources that exist or possibly exist within the Marine Corps' installations on Okinawa. Cultural assets include old tombs, natural water springs, ruins of sacred places and prehistoric communities.

Because the Marine Corps recognizes the value of cultural heritage, any construction which requires earthmoving

needs to be assessed for risk of affecting archaeological resources. If a potential impact is found, I recommend a construction design change.

My colleague and I administer projects to raise awareness of the value of cultural resources among the Marine Corps community. For example, we organize cultural heritage tours for Boy and Girl Scouts. We also make leaflets. which are distributed at the newcomers' orientation. The aforementioned cultural assets represent Okinawa's tradition and culture, and respecting them is respecting the host nation. I believe recognizing the value of a different culture leads to a deepened international friendship.

I also escort local citizens

when they access the cultural resources. Former residents, as well as their children or grandchildren, come to visit their family tombs. People who learn about the local history in a life-long learning course come for field studies.

In 2004, a historical spring site, known locally as Chibuga, was restored through legacy funding from the U.S. Department of Defense. I think it was the first time the fund was used for a restoration project outside the United States. When the restoration work was completed, former residents of the area and the mayor of the town were invited for the ceremony.

Marine Corps programs like these are important, as they show its determination in preserving cultural assets.

Editor: How did you find this job, and what do you think about it?

Yonaha: I studied archaeology at my university and worked for the Cultural Division of the Chatan Town Board of Education. I heard about this position and was hired in 2001.

This is the best job for me; I am proud of contributing to the preservation of Okinawa's cultural assets. The essence of this job is to work with people of a different culture in preserving the culture of Okinawa and raising awareness of the importance of cultural resources. The effort to pass on the cultural heritage to future generations is what distinguishes humans from animals.

# Marines give rice a good ol' pounding

Hiroko Tamaki

Residents of Hikarigaoka Nursing Home and Marines assigned to Camp Hansen have enjoyed a special friendship for almost 20 years, introducing each other to their respective holiday traditions. One event that provides service members with an opportunity to experience Japanese culture is mochitsuki, or rice pounding.

During this year's mochitsuki held at the nursing home Jan. 17, Marines took turns using a wooden mallet to pound sticky rice placed in a stone mortar to make mochi. Then they rolled the mochi into small balls to eat with sweetened soy sauce.

"I've had mochi, but I've never made it," said Master Sgt. Leon Michiline, communications electronics maintenance chief with 7th Communication Battalion. "This is great. It's better fresh."

The Marines also experienced making Okinawan muuchi, sweet mochi wrapped in shell-flower leaves. Muuchi is traditionally made and eaten on Dec. 8 on the lunar calendar, which can be more than a month behind the Western calendar. This year's mochitsuki was held two days before the traditional muuchi day, and the service members were blessed with the rare opportunity to taste the local tradition.

"It's a yearly tradition for the Okinawans to do this, so for us to be a part of this is a great blessing to start the year together," said Navy Lt. Stephen F. Brown, 7th Communication Bn. chaplain. "It means a lot to us because we have our New Year's festivals back in the States, but we don't have that out here. We can have that at our home-away-from-home here at the nursing home."

Hikarigaoka Nursing Home and those assigned to Camp Hansen share cultural traditions throughout the year. The nursing home invites service members to its moon-viewing festival in October, and Camp Hansen celebrates Thanksgiving and Christmas with the home's residents, according to Takayuki Kayo, Camp Hansen's community relations specialist.

"The friendship with Hikarigaoka is special," said Kayo. "We visit the nursing home also for clean-up and landscaping twice every month except November through March when we visit once."

"We keep a close relationship with Camp Hansen," said Fumihiro Imakura, daytime nursing care service chief. "Many residents look forward to meeting Americans."

"I think the residents are happy to have this chance to interact with foreigners they can't meet otherwise," said Hatsuko Oshiro, a nurse at Hikarigaoka.

They may not be able to carry conversation, but meeting different people and doing something outside of their daily routine refreshes their minds, according to Imakura.

"We definitely want to continue doing this," said Imakura. "Since they are here in Okinawa, we want to show them Okinawa's culture, too."



(top) Junko Kurata, a nutritionist at the Hikarigaoka Nursing Home, left, teaches Lance Cpl. Brandon A. Morgan how to wrap muuchi with a shell flower leaf at Hikarigaoka Nursing Home Jan. 17. (middle) Marines roll mochi into small balls. (bottom) Cpl. Ariel M. Beach shows residents of Hikarigaoka Nursing Home a picture of his family on his smart phone. (上)1月17日に行われた光が丘老人ホームでの餅つき会で、月桃の葉でムー チーを包む方法をブランドン・A・モーガン上等兵に教える同ホーム栄養士の 倉田淳子さん。(中央)ついた餅を丸める海兵隊員。(下)光が丘老人ホームの 利用者に、スマートフォンで家族の写真を見せるアリエル・M・ビーチ伍長。



Mitsu Afuso, a resident of Hikarigaoka Nursing Home, and Lance Cpl. Austin J. Focareto pound mochi together during the annual mochitsuki, or rice pounding event, at the home Jan. 17. 11月17日、光が丘老人ホームで行われた餅つき会で、一緒に餅をつく利用者の安富祖ミツさんと第7通信大隊のオーステ イン・J・フォカレト上等兵。 Photos by Hiroko Tamaki

つき体験

Keitaro Furugen, 4, poses on the back of a horse Nov. 10 on le-jima. He suffered a heat stroke on a ferry while traveling with his parents from Okinawa Island to le-jima Dec. 24. Lance Cpl. Brennan O. Wischer administered first aid while he was waiting for the ferry to reach emergency responders on shore. Wischer is an aircraft rescue and firefighting specialist and emergency first-responder with the aircraft, rescue and firefighting team assigned to the operational support detachment at le-jima Training Facility. 11月10日、伊江島で乗馬を 楽しむ古堅啓太郎君(4才)。啓太郎君 は、両親と一緒に沖縄本島から伊江島に 向かうフェリーの中で熱けいれんを起こ し、居合わせたブレナン・O・ウィッシャ-上等兵に応急処置を受けた。ウィッシャ 一上等兵は、伊江島訓練場の作戦支援 分遣隊の航空機救助消防チームの航空 機救助消防士であり救急隊員でもある。





Photo by Yohei Furuge

## Marine assists heat victim

Lance Cpl. Pete Sanders Hiroko Tamaki

Lance Cpl. Brennan O. Wischer received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal March 1 for providing medical assistance to a child Dec. 24 while on a ferry traveling from Okinawa Island to Ie-jima.

Wischer, an aircraft rescue and firefighting specialist and emergency first-responder with the aircraft, rescue and firefighting team assigned to the operational support detachment at Ie-jima Training Facility, was returning to Ie-jima from Okinawa when Staff Sgt. Jamaine Johnson, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of ISTF, noticed a child in distress.

Johnson located Wischer, knowing Wischer was a trained first-responder. Johnson and Wischer approached the boy's father, who was in a panic since his son was unconscious.

"I didn't know what to do, so I asked people around us for help," said Yohei Furugen, father of 4-year-old Keitaro Furugen, who was suffering a heat stroke. "Then the Marine rushed to us and performed first aid."

"He handed me his son, and upon

receiving him I could tell he was extremely overheated," said Wischer.

Wischer sprang into action, checking Keitaro's vital signs and thoroughly assessing the situation. Once Wischer realized Keitaro's condition was lifethreatening, he directed bystanders to contact emergency personnel and instruct rescuers to wait at the dock for the ferry, according to 1st Lt. Ryan M. Ackland, the officer in charge at ISTF.

Wischer performed critical lifesaving steps while they waited for the ferry to reach emergency responders on shore. He also helped keep Keitaro's parents calm while giving Keitaro first aid, according to Johnson.

"Wischer made sure the child's airway was clear by ensuring everything was out of his mouth," said Johnson. "He then began applying measures to bring the child's temperature down by asking the parents to remove his sweater and cover him in cool, wet towels. Once that was done, he began to get the boy to drink water."

"He kept talking to us and giving us directions," said Furugen. "We were very grateful."

After the ferry reached the shoreline, Okinawa emergency personnel

took control of Keitaro's treatment.

"We went to the hospital later that day to check on him," said Wischer. "He was OK. The medical personnel said he had a fever, which led to the condition on the ferry."

Wischer, a 22-year-old from Tampa, Fla., grew up wanting to help others as a firefighter and ended up acquiring those skills through the Marine Corps.

"Becoming a part of aircraft, rescue and firefighting was a simple decision," said Wischer. "I've wanted to learn firefighting all my life and plan on pursuing that as a career after I leave the Marine Corps."

Wischer's exemplary act of service came as second nature.

"I was doing what I've been trained to do," said Wischer.

Wischer's actions reflect his personality and work ethic as well, according to Ackland.

"He is an outstanding Marine who possesses the highest level of knowledge and dedication toward his job," said Ackland. "His actions demonstrate his calm approach in responding to stressful situations and are a true testament to his character."



(left) Lance Cpl. Brennan O. Wischer displays his Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and certificate. (above) Lance Cpl. Brennan O. Wischer salutes Lt. Col. Richard Hawkins, commanding officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, after receiving the medal March 1. (左)海軍・海兵隊功労賞の 賞状を持つブレナン・O・ウィッシャー上等兵。(上)海軍・海兵隊功 労賞を授与され、上官の海兵隊普天間基地本部司令飛行隊司令 官リチャード・ホーキンス大佐に敬礼するブレナン・O・ウィッシャ 一上等兵。Photo courtesy of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron,

ような症状になったの啓太郎君は熱があっ

伊江島訓練場の

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## Tournament builds friendships

Lance Cpl. Adam B. Miller

Service members, civilian employees and their families commonly meet their Japanese hosts while stationed on Okinawa through seemingly everyday contact, including visiting and patronizing local businesses and tourist attractions and taking part in community festivals and events.

However, the hardwood floors of a basketball court can provide the same opportunity to build friendships as the castles and street festivals of Okinawa.

Four Okinawan and two American high school boys and girls basketball teams competed in the seventh annual Okinawan-American Friendship Basketball Tournament Jan. 26-27 at Risner Gym on Kadena Air Base.

"The purpose of the tournament is to encourage cultural awareness and friendship through sports," said Frederick Bales, the tournament director and athletic director at Kubasaki High School. "It provides an opportunity for a large group of young people to communicate through the language of basketball, which they all speak.

Children of military families aside, there are relatively few high school-aged students who can say they played in an international sports tournament, let alone that they lived in another country, according to John R. Fick, the head basketball coach at Kubasaki High School.

"It's a great tournament for all the kids playing," said Fick. "Although Okinawa culture classes are taught in the classroom, events like this tournament are much better because the kids get to experience it firsthand."

Even though the tournament is highly competitive, the players relish the opportunity to learn about each other and develop friendships.

"I was amazed with how tall and strong the American players were," said Kan Saisho, a 16-yearold freshman and team captain for the Konan High School boy's varsity basketball team. "In Okinawa, we don't always get to play teams like this."

The Okinawa high school teams sometimes travel to mainland Japan for competition, so this tournament is always a good opportunity to compete and improve, according to Saisho.

When the final whistle blew, it was the Kadena High School boys and girls teams that brought home the first-place trophies.

It was interesting to compare the teams' styles of play and get to know the opposing players, according

"I made some friends from the American teams,

## 試合を通して友情を育む

and it was fun hanging out with them when we weren't playing," said Saisho. "It was a great tournament, and I look forward to participating again." These kinds of sports exchanges are held year round, promoting friendship between Japan and the U.S. An all-women's basketball tournament was held March 2-3 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, where Okinawa

and U.S. women's basketball teams competed and

forged friendships through friendly competition.

A player with the Kubasaki Dragons aggressively fends off a defender Jan. 27 during the game against Ginowan High School in the seventh Basketball Tournament 2013 at Risner Gym on Kadena Air Base. 1月27日に嘉手納基地のライズ にかわそうとするクバサキドラゴンズの選手。

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### Okinawa families view Osprey aircraft

Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 hosted an MV-22B Osprey family day for Okinawa community members March 3 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

Approximately 300 parents and children attended the event, aimed at familiarizing families with the Osprey and its capabilities.

"It was the first time that we have had families touring the Osprey," said Lt. Col. William L. DePue, the commanding officer of VMM-265. "It was a great opportunity to give some members of the community a firsthand look at the aircraft."

Families were able to tour two Ospreys, try on flight safety equipment, talk with aircrews, and view a video presentation on the capabilities of the Osprey during the family day.

Each station was manned by the squadron's Marines to provide detailed explanations and answer questions from attending community members.

"I demonstrated how to put on the equipment and helped them try it on, so they could see how it felt," said Lance Cpl. Devon B. Springer, a flight equipment technician with the squadron. "The kids enjoyed it, and the parents could see that safety is very important during our operations."

Safety and operations of the Osprey were main topics throughout the day, with attendees asking many questions.

"I learned from the pilots the aircraft flies faster, farther and longer than the (CH-46E)," said Machida Kazuko, a family day attendee. "I would love to fly in one and look down (on) Okinawa and my home. I am very impressed with the aircraft."

The openness of the Marine Corps to invite the local community members to see the aircraft was appreciated by the guests.

"This event is good because we can see the aircraft firsthand," said Junko Takushi, a resident of Nishihara Town. "It's better than having things kept in secret and not knowing what is flying over us."

The event was interactive, with attendees asking a variety of questions about many topics regarding the Osprey.

"Any opportunity for a bilateral cultural exchange is a great opportunity, not only for us, but also for the community," said DePue. "It was a great opportunity for the Marines to interact with citizens from the community, and it allowed the attendees to see what the squadron can do with the aircraft."

Due to the nature of III Marine Expeditionary Force operations, the Osprey may be called upon to perform in a humanitarian role.

"Two things I learned about the Osprev are its ability to

land anywhere and the increased amount of material it can carry," said Bun-ei Iwana, a family day attendee. "Not only for combat missions but for humanitarian or disaster relief operations too. If supplies are needed, this aircraft could carry them where they need to go."

The realization of capabilities was just one result of the



"This event is incredibly important because it allows people to see the aircraft up close," said Iwana. "It also allows for people to talk to the aircrew to learn how the aircraft operates while in the air. It was also an opportunity to express how we feel to the service members."

The attendees were not the only ones who enjoyed the family day.

"The families liked putting on the equipment and taking pictures in front of the aircraft," said Springer. "Seeing the smiles on their faces and the good time they had put a smile on my face too."

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Event Highlights

Fostering friendship

Elena Takaho, community relation specialist, translates explanations about the capabilities

of the MV-22B Osprey to Japan Air Self-Defense Force members Feb. 21 on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. 2月21日、海兵隊普天間基地で、航空自衛隊の隊員にMV-22Bオスプレイ の機能に関する説明を通訳する高甫エレーナ渉外官。Photo by Lance Cpl. David N. Hersey

Students with Bechtel Elementary School's multicultural dance and eisa drum and dance clubs perform Okinawa's traditional eisa Jan. 31 at the Camp Courtney theater prior to a Camp Courtney town hall meeting. 1月31日にキャ ンプコートニーの劇場で 沖縄の伝統エイサーを披 露するベクテル小学校の 多文化ダンス&エイサー クラブの生徒達





Residents of Ginowan City and Chatan Town participate in a humanitarian assistance evacuation drill at Camp Foster Feb. 23. The residents walked the southern tsunami evacuation route of Camp Foster's two evacuation routes on Camp Foster. 2月23日に キャンプフォスターで行われた避難訓練に参加する宜野湾市と北谷町の住民。参加者は、 同キャンプの2つの津波避難経路のうち南側の経路を歩いた。Photos by Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.





Marines with 7th Communication Battalion sort through debris collected Feb. 14 while cleaning the shoreline of a bay in Kin Town near the Hikarigaoka Nursing Home. 2月14日、光が丘老人ホーム付近 の海岸で清掃作業をし、集めたゴミを分別 する第7通信大隊の海兵隊員。 Photo by Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson



The III Marine Expeditionary Force Band performs at the Nago Cherry Blossom Festival in Nago Central Park Jan. 26. 1月26日 に名護中央公園で行われた名護さくら祭りで演奏する第三海兵遠征 軍音楽隊。Photo by Private First Class Kasey Peacock



Lance Cpl. Gregory A. Crisler discusses distribution tracking systems with Japan Ground Self-Defense Force officers during a tour of Combat Logistics Regiment 35's facilities Jan. 8 at Camp Kinser. 1月8日 キャンプキンザーで陸上自衛隊員に配送物資追跡システ ムの説明をする第35戦闘兵站連隊のグレゴリー・A・クラ イスラー上等兵。 Photo by Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry



Robert D. Eldridge explains the capabilities of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and III Marine Expeditionary Force to the Research Institute for Peace and Security, a Japanese organization that conducts research on Japan and the Asia-Pacific region's security environment, during a presentation March 1 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. Eldridge is the deputy assistant chief of staff, G-7 Government and External Affairs, Marine Corps Installations Pacific. 3月1日、海兵隊普天間基地で、日本およびアジア太 平洋地域の安全保障環境を研究する平和・安全保障研究所のメンバーに、第1海兵航空 団や第三海兵遠征軍の能力について説明する海兵隊太平洋基地政務外交部のロバー ト・D・エルドリッジ次長。 Photo by Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum



Japan Minister for Foreign Affairs Fumio Kishida and Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri shake hands following a meeting on Camp Foster Feb. 16 during Kishida's first visit to Okinawa military installations since being appointed in December. Talleri is the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific. 2月16日に、12月の就任後初めて沖縄を訪れた岸田文雄外務大臣との会談後に握手をする海兵隊太平洋基地 司令官のピーター・J・タレリ少将。 Photo by Cpl. Courtney G. White

## Marine Corps fulfills environmental stewardship



collects waste from military facilities and processes it before selling it to local businesses as product material. The center collected 39,000 kg of aluminium cans and 277,000 kg of paper in fiscal year クルセンターは、米軍施設から廃棄 物を集め、処理して地元の業者に製 品の材料として売却している。2012 年度はアルミ缶39,000キロ、紙は 277,000キロを回収した。



### Recycling

Knowing the limited space available for waste disposal on Okinawa, the Marine Corps rigorously promotes recycling at all installations throughout the island.

"Okinawa is a small island prefecture, and there are only a few landfills," said Yusei Ota, acting total waste section director with the Environmental Affairs Branch, G-F, Marine Corps Base Camp S. D. Butler. "We know those landfills are already running out of space."

The Marine Corps tries to minimize the amount of solid waste that eventually crosses the base boundary and goes to the local landfills.

"We are trying to divert as much as possible from the local landfills," said Sean Cohen, work leader at the recycling center on Camp Foster.

According to Cohen, the solid waste taken to the recycling center is processed and sold to local vendors who then use the material in their products.

In fiscal year 2012, 2.18 million kilograms of solid waste was sold to local businesses.

"We highlight the importance of recycling at training venues and newcomers orientations," said Cohen. "We tell Marines, 'you are not in your home country, you are in Okinawa where there are different rules to abide by."

**Environmental Training** 

Proper handling of hazardous materials is critical to protect both

Camp S. D. Butler, conducts compulsory training for Marines and Japanese employees who handle hazardous material.

camps with 20 to 40 participants," said Koji Oba, an environmental training technician who is in charge of the training for the Japanese workforce. "I believe the training helps them better understand their responsibility and raises awareness that what they do is very important."

Common occupations aboard the military installations that receive the training include: electricians, vehicle mechanics, plumbers, heavy-equipment operators, fire fighters and aircraft maintenance technicians.

The training focuses on the risks different types of hazardous materials potentially pose, how to properly use personal protective equipment, and safety.

"Through training we can prevent accidents and ensure our duties can be performed in safe manner," said Oba.

the environment and those who deal with the materials. These materials include paint, fuel, battery fluid, bleaching agents and

The Environmental Affairs Branch, G-F, Marine Corps Base "We conduct about six training sessions every month at different





(left) Koji Oba, an environmental training technician, demonstrates spill containment Feb.13 during the three-day environmental compliance course held on Camp Foster. (top, right) Steven Wood, a course instructor, explains how to contain hazardous material March 13 during the weeklong course. (bottom, right) Charles Watts, a course instructor, reviews lessons with students on the last day of the course. (左) 2月13日、キャンプフォスターで行われた3日間の環境法令遵守コースの中で、こぼれた液体の拡散防止方法を実践して見せる環境訓練技術職の大庭 康嗣さん。(右上) 3月13日、1週間にわたる研 修の中で、危険物質の拡散防止について実地研修をするインストラクターのスティーブン・ウッドさん。(右下)研修最終日に、参加者と共に研修の復習をするチ ャールス・ワッツさん。Photos by Hiroko Tamaki

To prevent soil runoff, Marine Corps Base Camp S. D. Butler conducts aerial hydro-seeding normally during the fall season in the Central Training Area.

"Approximately 100 kilograms of seeds are used per hectare," said Takeharu Ikema, an erosion control specialist with the Environmental Affairs Branch, G-F, Marine Corps Base Camp S. D. Butler. "We choose the kinds of perennial plants that are able to endure dry weather, are resilient and adaptable to the CTA's soil, and suitable to the warm climate."

The seeds are mixed with fertilizer, water, a glue-like substance and other materials to make a mixture called slurry. About 18 tons of slurry per hectare is then spread from a helicopter.

Within a few months, grass covers the soil surface to prevent the runoff, according to Ikema.

When a relatively small portion of land is identified for a possible slope failure, seed-embedded geo-textiles are employed to protect the area from further erosion. Ikema said on average, there are five or six locations a year where the geo-textiles are required with the demand typically increasing after typhoons.

The Environmental Affairs Branch, G-F, Marine Corps

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Photos courtesy of the Environmental Affairs Branch

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### Control of invasive species

The northern part of the Okinawa Island, known as Yanbaru, is covered by lush subtropical forest. It is the only habitat on the earth where the Okinawa rail, a flightless bird designated as an endangered species, is found. One of the biggest threats to the Okinawa rail is the mongoose, which was brought to the island about a century ago.

Because the Marine Corps Northern Training Area lies in nate the non-native predator.

"The Ministry of Environment runs a project that covers the northern half, and we work with OPG in the southern half of the NTA," said Mitsugu Sugiyama, a natural resources specialist with the Environmental Affairs Branch.

The mongoose was brought into the southern part of the island to control venomous habu snakes and rats. The mongoose soon expanded its habitat northward, eventually reaching Yanbaru, where it started to prey on the Okinawa rail.

According to Sugiyama, the mongoose was first detected in the NTA in 2003 and the OPG started the eradication project the following year. The Marine Corps joined the effort in 2006 and fills the vacant period when OPG cannot do it. This ensures the fight against the invasive mongoose continues throughout the year.

and captured 33 mongooses," said Sugiyama. "Since the start of our

Yanbaru, the Environmental Affairs Branch, G-F, Marine Corps Base Camp S. D. Butler, works together with the Okinawa Prefectural Government and Ministry of Environment to extermi-

"Last year, the Marine Corps conducted its project for 16 weeks project, the Marine Corps has captured 133 mongooses.'

## Youth Cultural Exchange Program



Robert D. Eldridge, deputy assistant chief of staff, Government and External Affairs Office, welcomes children from Oshima upon their arrival on Camp Foster. 大島から到着した子供達を出迎える米海兵 隊太平洋基地政務外交部のロバート・D・エルドリッジ 次長。 Photo by Hiroko Tamaki

## Day I Jan. 11



Children from Oshima meet their respective host families after an orientation briefing at the Camp Foster Youth Center. キャンプフォスター のユースセンターで、オリエンテーションの後それ ぞれのホストファミリーと初対面する大島の子供 t-5. Photos by Hiroko Tamaki



Japanese children prepare fruit salad alongside children from their U.S. military volunteer host families at the Camp Foster Youth Center. 米軍ホストファミリーの子供達と一緒 にキャンプフォスターのユースセンタ -でフルーツサラダを作る日本人の 子供たち。Photo by Hiroko Tamaki

Eiji Ito, left, a 14-year-old middle school student, encourages Tobin Kaiser, a child of a participating host family, while playing ping-pong at the Camp Foster Youth Center. ++ ンプフォスターのユースセンターで トビン・カイザー君を励ましながら卓球をする中学2年生の伊藤英司君。

Photo by Hiroko Tamaki

Day 2-3 Jan. 12-13



Japanese children from Oshima and children from their U.S. military host families pose in front of the Okinawa Churaumi Aguarium. Host families took children from Oshima to local attractions on the second and third days of the youth cultural exchange program. 沖縄美ら海水族館の前でポーズをとる大島の 子供たちとホストファミリーの子供達。ホストファミリーは、青少年文 化交流プログラムの2日目と3日目に子供たちを観光地などに連れ て行った。 Photo by Steven H. Pauli

Friends

## 青少年文化交流プログラム



Children from Oshima perform the Japanese traditional dance, Shimachu Soran, for those attending Sunday brunch at the Butler Officers' Club. バトラー将校クラブで開かれた日曜ブランチ で、参加者のために島中ソーランを披露する大島の 子供達。Photo by Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle



Yutaro Onodera, right, an Oshima middle school student, and Sean Grav. host family child. enjoy dinner together at Gray's residence. ホストファミリーの家で 夕食をとる大島中学校の小野寺優 太郎君と、ホストファミリーの子供シ ョーン・グレイ君。Photo by Eric Gray



exchange program and children of their host family pose inside the Ferris wheel at American Village in Chatan Town. 北谷町のアメリカンビレッジに ある観覧車の中でポーズをとるプログラ ム参加者とホストファミリーの子供達。 Photo by SSgt Cheryl L. King



hildren from Oshima experience American culture by roasting marshmallow on sticks for the first time at their host family's house. ホストフ アミリーの家で、串に刺したマ シュマロを焼いてアメリカ文化 を体験する大島の子供たち。





Ryuma Patrick Murphy, right, a fifth-grader from E.C. Killin elementary school, translates his teacher's instructions to Mizuki Oyama, a fifth-grader from Oshima. 大島小学校5年生の小山瑞稀君に先生の指示 を通訳してあげるE・C・キリン小学校のリュウマ・パトリッ ク・マーフィー君。Photo by Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle

## Day 4 Jan. 14



Participants of the youth cultural exchange program bid farewell to the U.S. military host families moments before the bus leaves Camp Foster. バスがキャンプフォスターを出 発する直前に、米軍ホストファミリーとの別れ を惜しむプログラム参加者。 Photos by Hiroko Tamaki



Wataru Kikuta, a fifth-grade Oshima elementary school student, colors a picture while Melanie Horton, a fifth-grade teacher, encourages him during art class Jan. 14 at E.C. Killin Elementary School on Camp 1月14日、キャンプフォスターのE・C・キリン小学校で、図工の時 間に5年生を担当するメラニー・ホートン先生に勧められて絵に色を塗る 大島小学校5年生の菊田航君。Photos by Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle



Yoshihito Sakurada, an 11-year-old fifth-grade student from Oshima, watches and smiles while Columbus Wilson III, a program assistant, scores a basket Jan. 11 at the Camp Foster Youth Center. 1月11日、キャンプフォス ターのユースセンターで、バスケットゲームのシュートを決めるプログラムアシス タントのコロンブス・ウィルソン三世と、それを見て笑顔を見せる大島小学校5年 生の桜田義人君。



### Oshima exchange deepens friendship

Hiroko Tamaki

Twenty-four children from Oshima, accompanied by six chaperones, visited Okinawa Jan. 11-14 for the youth cultural exchange program hosted by Marine Corps Community Services.

"I feel nervous," said Natsumi Murakami, an eighth-grader at the Oshima Middle School on the first day before she met her American host family. "I joined this program because I wanted to say thank you."

Marines from Okinawa deployed to Oshima following the Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent tsunami of March 11, 2011, and worked closely with the Japan Self-Defense Force and the local community in delivering supplies and removing debris. The idea to host the children in Okinawa was conceived as part of the relief effort. The first group of children and chaperones visited Okinawa five months after the disaster.

This year, Marine Corps host families invited the children to stay at their homes for three nights, took them to places such as the bowling alley on base and local attractions, enjoyed back-yard barbecues, sports and board games, and attended a Sunday brunch at the Butler Officers' Club on Camp Foster hosted for the children.

Some of the children heard about or joined the first program in 2011, and they were looking forward to the time they would share with their host families.

"I wanted to come again because Okinawa was such a fun place, and the host family was very kind and warm-hearted," said Eiji Ito, a 14-yearold student enjoying his second visit to Okinawa under the program.

"The youth cultural exchange program represents our continued commitment to maintaining this special friendship," said Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific. "Since that day (of the disaster), the Marine Corps has maintained a very special friendship with the community and families of Oshima."

"This program is important on so many levels," said Eric Gray, who hosted two boys from Oshima and serves as a logistics, plans, policies and strategic mobility liaison officer with Headquarters Marine Corps. "On a personal level, it tells people of Oshima that they are not alone. '

Gray said the program was a great way for both his children and guest children to interact with each other.

On the final day, the children had an opportunity to attend classes at the American schools of their host family counterparts, catching a glimpse of what school is like for American children.

The fun-filled four days gave Oshima and American children alike fond memories to take back home.

"Although I don't speak English, I had a great time," said Saya Onodera, a 14-year-old student. "The best part was going bowling with my host family because we all enjoyed it together."

Right before leaving Okinawa, Murakami said she was glad to have the chance to express her feeling of appreciation and shared her experience of the disaster with her host family.

"I feel better now," said Murakami. "I want to make our friendship even stronger."



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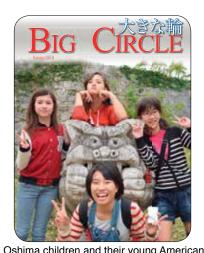
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hosts pose in front of a shisa on Okinawa Jan. 13. The children participated in Marine Corps Community Service's youth cultural exchange program Jan. 11-14. 1月13日、シーサーの前でポーズをとる大島 から来た子供たちとホストファミリーの子供 たち。大島の子供たちは、1月11-14日に行 われた青少年文化交流プログラムに参加し た。Photo by Steven Pauli

## Osprey Family Day

The Osprey Family Day was held March 3 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and was attended by approximately 300 parents and children. The Big Circle would like to share some of the comments provided in the related survey.

3月3日に普天間基地にて行われたオスプレイ家族見学会には約 300名の親子の皆さんがご来場くださいました。会場でお配りした アンケートに心強いコメントを沢山いただきましたので、いくつか ご紹介します。

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The aircraft looks very useful in case Japan is hit by a natural disaster, and it is encouraging that it is there. I want the Japanese government to sign an agreement to ensure the effective and immediate use of the aircraft at emergency.

次は体験飛行をしたいです。

I want to experience a flight next time.

子供と一緒に考える良い機会になった。

It provided a good opportunity to discuss the Osprey with my child.

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#### 餅つき会

Marines, under the guidance of staff members of the Hikarigaoka Nursing Home, pound rice into mochi Jan. 17 at the home. 1月17日、光が丘老人ホームで餅つきを体験する海兵隊員。Photo by Hiroko Tamaki

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- 5-6 | フォトアルバム 大島の子供達とホスト ファミリーとの思い出の 4日間
- 7-10 | グリーンプロジェクト 海兵隊による環境保護 事業を紹介

- 11-12 | イベントハイライト 二国間の絆を深めた 出来事を振り返る
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